

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven Nichols on 3/24/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1: A method for producing an oral medication comprising:

with an inkjet dispenser mounted on a movable carriage, dispensing a structural material, said structural material including one of a polymer or a gelatin:  
curing said structural material;

with [[said]] a second inkjet dispenser mounted on said movable carriage, dispensing a jettable pharmaceutical solution onto said cured structural material; and  
dispensing alternating layers of said structural material and said pharmaceutical solution.

Claim 3: The method of claim 1, wherein said inkjet [[material]] dispenser comprises one of a thermally actuated inkjet dispenser, a mechanically actuated inkjet dispenser, an electro-statically actuated inkjet dispenser, a magnetically actuated dispenser, a piezo-electrically actuated inkjet dispenser, or a continuous inkjet dispenser.

Claim 100: The method of claim 1, ~~in which said inkjet dispenser comprises a moveable carriage supporting both a first inkjet material dispenser for dispensing said structural material and a second inkjet material dispenser for dispensing said pharmaceutical solution, said method~~ further comprising controlling said inkjet dispenser and second inkjet dispenser with a computing device to selectively deposit both said structural material and pharmaceutical solution.

2. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-21, 54, 56-58, 60, 62, and 80-98 and 100 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: As to claim 1, the prior art discloses forming an oral medication by inkjet dispensing a structural material, curing the material then applying a drug by spraying or any known method. It is also known in the art that drug coatings can be applied for oral medications using an inkjet printing in order provide precise dosages. However, the prior art fails to teach or suggest the use of two inkjet dispensers on a movable carriage in order to form an oral dosage where one inkjet dispenser provides the structural material while the other provides the drug solution. As to claim 54, the prior art fails to teach controlling the drug release by varying the quantity of polymer.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CACHET I. SELLMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-0691. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 7:00 - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Meeks can be reached on 571-272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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